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In re Patent Application of:

Ryoji Inaba et al.

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For: CAPILLARY ARRAY ELECTROPHORESIS

APPARATUS AND ELECTROPHORESIS

**METHOD** 

Examiner: B. L. Mutschler

# **AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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## **FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

\_\_\_ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	Claims	Highest	Number	Rate	Additional
	Remaining	Number	Extra		Fee
	After	Previously	Claims		
	Amendment	Paid	Present		
Total	33	- 33* =	0	\$50	\$0.00
Independent	3	- 6 * =	0	\$210	\$0.00
First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)					
TOTAL					\$0.00

<sup>\*</sup>not less than 20

No additional fee is required.

In the event a fee is required or if any additional fee during the prosecution of this application is not paid, the Patent Office is authorized to charge the underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

## **CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

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